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OF

OREGON COMMISSION

FOR THE

Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition

SALEM, January 10, 1909.

To the Twenty-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon.

GENTLEMEN: In February, 1907, an act entitled "An Act to create a commission to provide for the display of Oregon's resources at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, to define its duties, and to appropriate money therefor," was passed, and on February 25, 1907, said act was filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

Said act provides, among other things, that the Commission created under said act shall be known as the Oregon Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Commission, and shall consist of five members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Commissioners shall, within ten days after their appointment, meet at the Capitol at Salem, Oregon, upon the call of the Governor, or Secretary of State, and take the oath of office and effect the organization necessary to carry out the purpose for which the Commission is created. That at the first meet- of said board, in addition to the president and vice-president, there shall be elected from its members an executive committee whose duty it shall be to audit all accounts of said Commission and authorize the payment of all moneys expended by the same. The State Treasurer shall be *ex-officio* treasurer of the Commission.

Said act further provides that a report should be made to you concerning the expenditures and other matters pertaining to the work of the Commission created thereunder.

Said act further provides that the Commission shall organize by the election from its members of a president and vice-president, and by the election of a secretary. The Commission shall have power to make rules and regulations for its government, and for the government of its employees, and for the proper disbursement of all money received by it under this act or from other sources.

Said act further provides that $100,000 shall be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the act. Said

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act further provides that all money shall be paid by the Secretary of State only upon duly verified vouchers by the person, officer, or agent of the Commission authorized or required to incur the expense, and shall be approved by the president and attested by the secretary of the Commission, and audited and approved by the executive committee thereof.

In accordance with said act, the Governor of the State of Oregon appointed the following as members of the said Oregon Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition Commission: W. H. Wehrung, M. D. Wisdom, E. W. Rowe, J. O. Booth, and W. T. Wright.

On June 17, 1907, the Commission met at the State House at Salem, Oregon, pursuant to the call of the Governor, and in accordance with the act passed by the legislature creating this Commission, for the purpose of organizing and transacting such other duties as the law required.

After duly qualifying as by law provided, the Commission proceeded to organize by electing W. H. Wehrung as president, E. W. Rowe, vice-president, and M. D. Wisdom, secretary. E. W. Rowe, J. O. Booth, and W. T. Wright were duly elected an executive committee, and Elizabeth O'Keane, of Portland, was appointed stenographer to the secretary.

Thereafter, on September 18, 1907, the Commission met at Salem, Oregon, the entire Commission being present.

By-laws governing the work of the Commission were presented and duly adopted.

The Commission decided that in order to get the best results from this exposition it was better to make a collective exhibit of the State's resources, and for this purpose to erect a State building at Seattle to be known as the Oregon State Building.

D. C. Lewis, of Portland, was appointed the official architect of the Commission to draw plans and specifications for an Oregon State Building as directed by the Commission, or the executive committee, said plans and specifications to be approved by the Commission.

In accordance with section 3 of the act creating said Commission, W. H. Wehrung was elected executive commissioner and his duties were defined as follows:

The executive commissioner shall have charge of the management, gathering up, installing, and maintaining a collective exhibit, building and maintaining a State building, and such further duties as may be directed by the Commission, or the special committee provided for in the by-laws.

It was decided that the Commission meet in Portland on November 4, 1907, and go in a body to Seattle to select a site for the Oregon Building.

On November 4, 1907, the Commission met at Portland and proceeded to Seattle. After looking over a plat of the grounds

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of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, the Commission went to the grounds of the Exposition and officially selected a site for the Oregon State Building, which was duly marked on the official plat of said grounds now in charge of the Director of Grounds.

On November 7th the Commission again met at Portland and discussed the best methods of getting results for Oregon.

It was decided to publish and distribute a booklet on the resources of Oregon, and the secretary was directed to commence gathering information for same.

The official architect was authorized to draw plans and specifications for a building, the cost of which not to exceed $50,000 including installation of exhibits, and it was decided by the Commission to begin work on the building early in the spring of 1909.

Thereafter the plans and specifications for the building having been duly presented by the official architect and having been approved and examined by the Commission, the said Commission on February 6, 1908, advertised for sealed bids for the erection of a State building on the site of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, at Seattle, Washington, said bids to be opened on March 7, 1908.

On March 7, 1908, the Commission met at Portland, Oregon, for the purpose of opening the bids for the erection of the Oregon State Building.

Nine sealed proposals were submitted, which revealed the following bids upon being opened:

Bidder.	Amount.	Time.	Check.	Amount.	Remarks.
T. Ryan	$ 61,000 00	7 months	No check		
Phil. E. Dunnavant & Co., Seattle	33,390 00	4 months	N. B. of Com.	$ 1,669 95	
Strehlow, Freese & Peterson, Seattle	34,392 05	3 months	Scandanavian	2,000 00	No grading.
E. J. Rounds & Co., Seattle	42,400 00	6 months	Bond Empire S. S. Co.	2,150 00	
Burrell Bridge Co., Oakland	37,972 00	4½ months	Central B	2,000 00	
H. Chase & Co., Seattle	38,654 21	5 months	N. B. of C.	1,932 75	
Angell & Son, Portland	44,788 00	5 or 4 mos.	First Nat. B.	2,240 00	No grading.
C. A. Gray, Portland	41,988 00	5 months	Capital N. B.	2,000 00	
J. E. Bennet, Portland	44,895 00	6 months	B. of California, J. E. Bennett	2,500 00	

The meeting adjourned until March 9, 1908, so that the Attorney-General and the architect could be present when the bids were awarded.

On March 9 the Commission again met, at which time Attorney-General Crawford and a representative of the official architect were present.

After examining all bids submitted it was found that Phil E. Dunnavant & Co., of Seattle, had submitted the lowest bid, which was for $33,399, and upon the advice of the Attorney General the contract was let to the Phil E. Dunnavant & Co., and it was decided that the bond of Phil E. Dunnavant & Co. be placed at $20,000.

It was resolved that the president and secretary of this Commission be authorized and empowered to execute all contracts, vouchers, deeds, mortgages, or other instruments for and on behalf of this Commission, when duly authorized so to do.

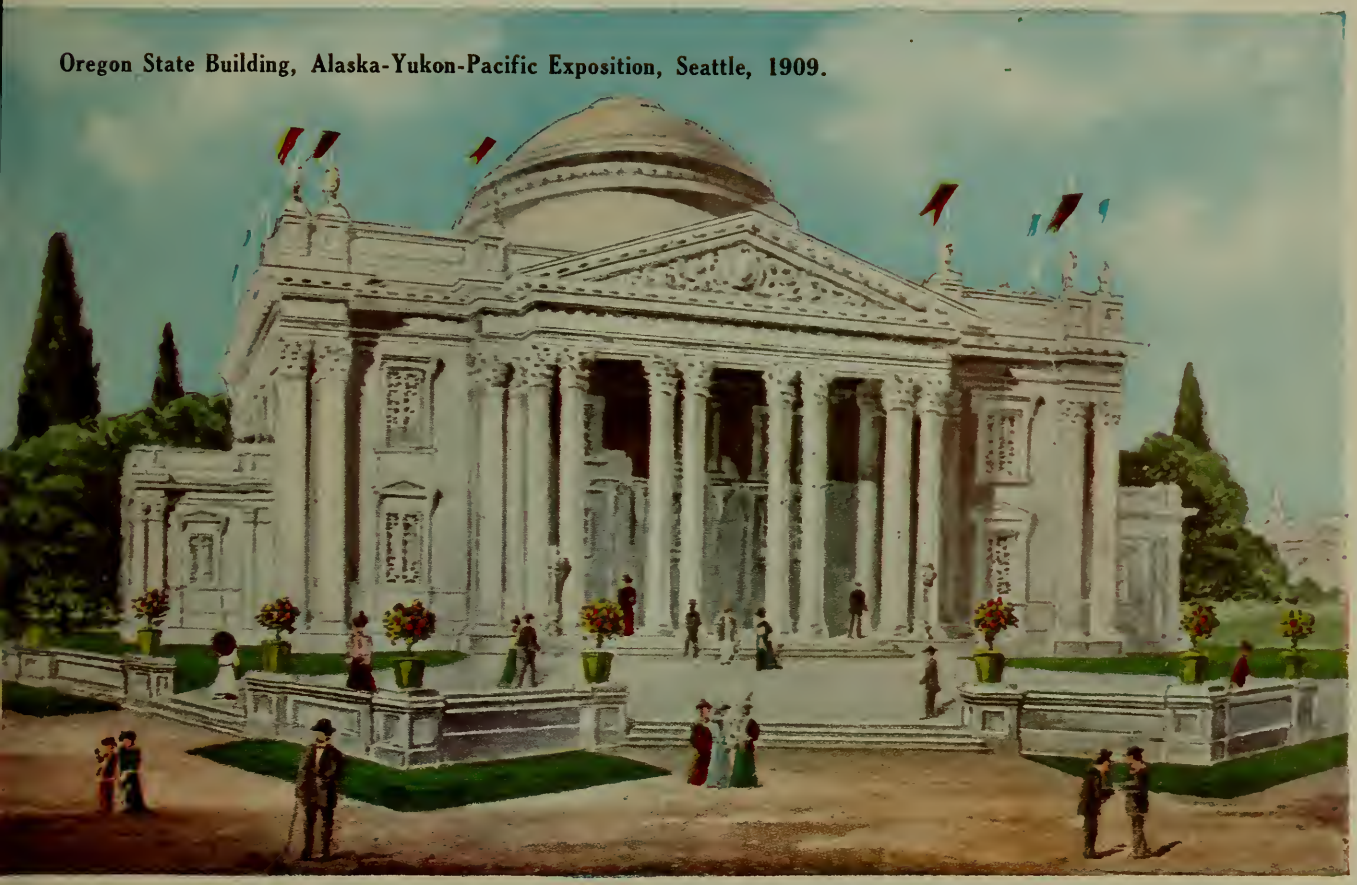
The matter of the contract between the Commission and Phil E. Dunnavant & Co., the successful bidder, was taken up and discussed in the presence of the Attorney-General, and the architect was instructed to draw up the contract in accordance with the plans and specifications, said contract to be approved by the Attorney-General before being executed.

Thereafter said contract was submitted to the Attorney-General, and upon his recommendation the president and secretary duly executed the same.

The Commission met on June 13, 1908; at this time the president stated that the contract had been entered into for the erection of the State building under the advice of Attorney-General Crawford, and that the work on said building was progressing satisfactorily; that some changes were made in the building, which were duly specified in writing and made part of the original contract.

The matter of putting in an exhibit of dairy products was taken up and discussed, and it was also decided to look into the matter of putting in a cold storage plant in the Oregon State Building, for the purpose of taking care of the dairy products and other perishable exhibits.

Thereafter it was decided that a cold storage box and refrigerating plant be placed in the basement of the Oregon State Building, so as to take care of the fruit and other perishable exhibits. This decision was reached after we had exhausted our efforts in trying to secure cold storage accommodations both on the exposition grounds and in Seattle. The lowest bid for putting in this plant was as follows: Phil L. Serwe & Co., to furnish a refrigerating plant complete for $2,978, and one cold storage room complete for $600. Under the contract the


Oregon State Building, Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, Seattle, 1909.

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Serwe Co. is to pay at the expiration of the exposition the sum of fifty cents on the dollar for the refrigerating plant.

On October 24, 1908, the Commission met at Seattle for the purpose of examining and accepting the Oregon State Building. After thoroughly examining the building and finding the same completed in a workmanlike manner, and acting under the advice of the official architect, the building was accepted.

Through this Oregon State Building Oregon has received a great deal of favorable comment and advertising.

Throughout the spring, summer, and fall the executive commissioner and the secretary have made trips through the State and arranged with the different counties to co-operate with the Commission to better advertise and exhibit the resources of their respective counties.

We have gathered an exhibit of 1,837 boxes of apples and vegetables, and the same have been placed in cold storage in the Oregon State Building.

We have secured grains and grasses from the following counties: Yamhill, Marion, Benton, Clatsop, Lane, Columbia, and Multnomah, and many other counties have notified us that they have gathered their grains and grasses and that they will ship in the near future.

In the forestry department we have received shipments from the following:

B. Harris & Co., Medford; J. O. Booth, Grants Pass; Roseburg Commercial Club, Roseburg; Brown Furniture Co., Cottage Grove; J. H. Chamber, Cottage Grove; Booth-Kelly Lumber Company, Eugene, Oregon; Albany Commercial Club, Albany; Oregon Furniture Company, Portland; Corvallis Commercial Club, Corvallis; August Fischer, Corvallis; Spaulding Logging Company, Salem; Manning Implement Company, Salem; Cottage Grove Commercial Club, Cottage Grove; Silverton Lumber Company, Silverton; Calapooia Lumber Company, Brownsville, and R. Veal & Son, Albany, and many others have promised to make a display of Oregon woods.

In the mining department we have received specimens of minerals from the following: Gold Creek Mining and Milling Company, Salem; The Freeland Consolidated Mining Company, of Salem; Dr. Read, Medford; Gold Hill Bank, Gold Hill; C. C. Beekman, Jacksonville; E. H. Helm, Jacksonville; Roseburg Commercial Club, Roseburg; F. J. Hard, Eugene; Eugene Commercial Club, Eugene; Ogle Mountain Mining Company, Oregon City; Grants Pass Commercial Club, Grants Pass; Lewis and Clark Mining Company, Silverton; Black Eagle Mining and Milling Company, Gates.

The following counties have also sent in part of their exhibits, which have been placed in cold storage in the Oregon State Building: Baker, Hood, Jackson, Lane, Union, Washington, and Columbia.

We have also edited a booklet on the resources of Oregon, which will soon be placed in the hands of the State Printer. This booklet will contain ninety-six pages, two pages of which will be devoted to the resources and manufacturing industries of each county in the State. This booklet will also be illustrated with different scenes showing the resources and things of interest in the State.

We will also have stereopticon views and give lectures daily advertising Oregon's resources and wonderful opportunities, and show something of interest from every county in the State.

At all former expositions it has been the custom to exhibit the resources of the different States in what was known as the Exhibit Palace, but we intend to depart from this custom and make a collective exhibit of Oregon's wonderful resources in our State Building. We believe in so doing that Oregon will receive widespread advertising.

Of the one hundred thousand dollars appropriated by said act, we have expended as follows:

Expenses and incidental	$ 3,613 99
Horticulture	3,948 39
Forestry	118 20
Education and fine arts	104 20
Publicity	1,688 53
Mines and mining	24 40
Agriculture	87 50
State Building and additional work	35,859 14
Maintenance, grounds and architect's fees	3,356 50
Salaries	5,423 22
Freights and transfers	403 69
Refrigerating plant (part payment)	2,578 00
Total	$57,205 76
Leaving a balance on hand out of the $100,000 appropriated of	$42,794 24

Reference is made more particularly for an itemized statement of expenses to September 30, 1908, to the biennial report of the Secretary of State, made to your Honorable Body for the period embraced between October 1, 1906, and September 30, 1908, and to our report made quarterly to that official and filed in his office in pursuance of the provisions of the act creating the Commission and providing for the display of the State's resources at the exposition.

The Oregon Agricultural College is working in conjunction with the Commission and is preparing to put in an exhibit of school work and exhibits from the experimental farms.

Our sister States, California and Washington, are preparing to place in their respective buildings elaborate exhibits of their resources and to give stereopticon views with lectures daily on the resources and industries of their States.

We mention these matters so that you may have some knowledge of what will be expected of Oregon if we are to compete with our sister States.

We wish also to recognize the livestock industry by offering liberal premiums for horses, cattle, sheep, swine, and poultry raised in Oregon and exhibited at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

It is our desire to make a representative exhibit in the following departments: Agriculture, horticulture, forestry, fish and game, mines, mining, dairying, educational, livestock, lectures with stereopticon views, manufactures, and publicity.

To carry out these plans we find that it will be necessary that an additional appropriation of fifty thousand dollars be made at this session of the legislature.

The following is an estimate of the amounts needed in each department:

Booklet, 100,000 copies	$ 8,000 00
Furniture for building	3,000 00
Freight and transfer	3,500 00
Agriculture	5,000 00
Horticulture	5,500 00
Forestry	3,500 00
Fish and game	5,500 00
Mines and mining	4,000 00
Dairying	5,500 00
Educational	7,500 00
Livestock	5,000 00
Moving pictures and lectures	4,800 00
Entertainment	4,000 00
Maintaining building and grounds	6,000 00
Office supplies	500 00
Commissioners' expenses	2,500 00
Salaries	13,200 00
Installing exhibits	4,000 00
	$91,000 00

We respectfully submit the above report for your consideration.

W. H. WEHRUNG, President.
M. D. WISDOM, Secretary.

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